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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1960

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SUBJECT: REGRET EXPRESSED REGARDING US PUBLIC STANCE ON THE OGADEN

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1. FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL GATHERING FOR VISITING REPORTERS AT PAO CRAWFORD'S HOME ON NOV 16, SOMALI DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING JAMA KHALAF AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) ABDULQADIR WALAYO, REMAINED FOR A CHAT WITH CRAWFORD. THE SOMALIS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

JAMA SAID FRANKLY THAT THE SOMALI GOVT WAS "SORRY AND DIS-APPOINTED" TO READ THE STATEMENT MADE AT THE NOV 14 STATE DEPT PRESS BRIEFING TO THE EFFECT THAT "THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE FULL TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA AND THAT INCLUDES THE

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OGADEN" REGION.

HE SAID THE REMAINDER OF THE BRIEFING--CONCERN ABOUT CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA, IMPROVEMENT OF SOMALIA'S ABILITY TO PURSUE A "TRULY NONALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY", AND THE U.S. CON-VICTION THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY AFRICANS--WAS SYMPATHETICALLY RECEIVED BY THE SOMALI GOVT AND THE U.S. POSITION IS UNDERSTOOD.

2. THE EMBASSY CANNOT BE CERTAIN WITH WHAT AUTHORITY THE TWO MEN SPOKE. IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE HIGHLY ARTICULATE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, ABDIKASIM SALAD HASSAN, DID NOT MAKE SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS THE FOLLOWING DAY TO EITHER EMBASSY OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF CODEL PRICE, NOR DID PRESIDENT SIAD HIMSELF REFER TO THE DEPT'S STATEMENT IN HIS TALKS WITH THE CONGRESSMEN ON THE 17TH. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE STATEMENT WAS OVERLOOKED AT THE HIGHER LEVELS OF THE SOMALI GOVT. WE SUSPECT WE SHALL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT IN GOOD TIME.
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